



Henrico stands at fiscal 'crossroads' after \$115 million in cuts

Henrico County faces "extremely difficult decisions" to fund schools and public safety after lingering effects of the national recession have led to diminishing cash reserves and forced \$115 million in cuts over the past four years, County Manager John A. Vithoukas said.

Recognizing the county's challenges, the Board of Supervisors on April 23 approved a \$1.1 billion budget for the upcoming year.

The Annual Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-14 represents a 9 percent decrease from the current year plan of \$1.2 billion, largely due to a sharp reduction in spending on capital projects. The budget will be Henrico's smallest since fiscal 2007-08.

Describing Henrico at a fiscal "crossroads," Vithoukas said the mix of lagging revenues and

looming fixed-cost increases will trigger the county's first noticeable service cuts in fiscal 2013-14, which begins July 1.

He also warned that more dramatic cuts, including to schools and public safety, would be unavoidable the following year without increases in revenue.

"Without adequate revenue, the fiscal 2014-15 budget will have fundamental changes in

in times of concern," he added. "Considering the current state of the county's fiscal structure ... now is that time."

Budget retains tax rate, emphasizes schools, public safety

The Board of Supervisors kept the real estate tax rate unchanged at 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The rate remains the lowest of the 15 most populous localities in Virginia.

As a result of the flat rate, Henrico homeowners have seen their real estate tax bills drop by an average of \$316 per year since fiscal 2007-08, according to county officials.

At the same time, Henrico has added more than 12,500 residents, further straining the county's ability to provide services. The

county's population now stands at 318,158, according to county estimates.

In preparing a budget for the upcoming year, officials had to

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Voters to consider meals tax to support schools

Henrico County voters will decide Nov. 5 whether the county can charge a 4 percent tax on prepared meals to pay for the capital and operational needs of schools.

Recognizing the challenge of maintaining services as revenues lag behind Henrico's growth, the Board of Supervisors on April 23 asked the Henrico Circuit Court to schedule a referendum on whether to allow a meals tax.

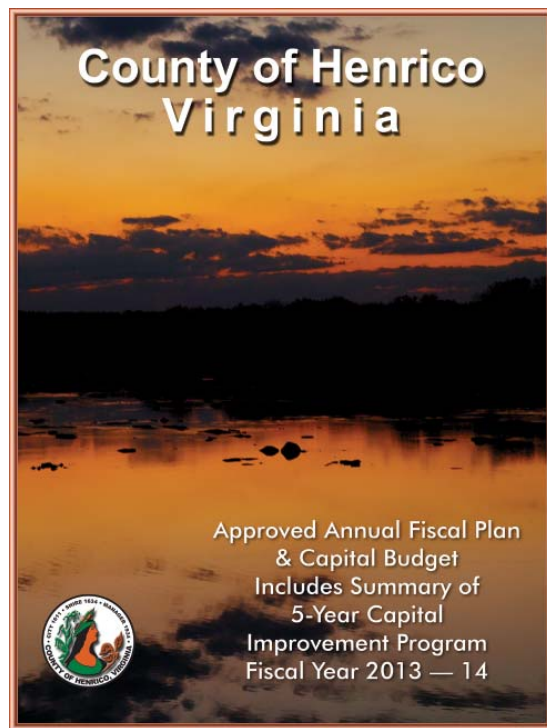
If the tax is approved by a majority of voters, the Board of Supervisors will consider an ordinance to determine the effective date and parameters of the levy.

The tax would generate an estimated \$18 million annually, according to county estimates. Diners would pay an additional 4 cents on every dollar spent on prepared meals; for example, a \$10 restaurant bill would be \$10.40.

Henrico will provide information about the referendum through a website, www.henrico.us/mealstax. It also will launch a speaker series to allow neighborhood and civic organizations to schedule meetings with county officials.

County Manager John A. Vithoukas recommended the meals tax as an alternative to further service cuts or a real estate

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how we serve our citizens," Vithoukas told the Board of Supervisors during a March briefing on the fiscal 2013-14 budget. "We can no longer cut costs without layoffs and service cuts.

"As county manager, it is my primary responsibility to alert this Board of Supervisors

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first address a funding shortfall of \$18.5 million. With the latest round of cuts, Henrico has slashed more than \$115 million in expenses during the past four years. Many departments are operating well below funding and staffing levels from several years ago.

"Henrico County does not have a spending problem like the federal government," Vithoulkas said, "only a revenue problem and a desire to maintain services."

Further cuts are not possible, he said, because Henrico faces at least \$33 million in additional fixed costs projected in fiscal 2014-15, including \$21 million attributable to schools. If offsetting cuts become necessary, Henrico County Public Schools could be forced to eliminate hundreds of positions and a number of programs and significantly increase pupil-teacher ratios, he said.

The general fund, which supports the operating budgets of schools and general-government departments, will increase by 1.6 percent, to \$747.2 million, in fiscal 2013-14.

All of the additional revenue — a total of \$11.9 million — will be spent on schools and public safety. Together, schools and public safety account for 76 percent of all general fund expenditures, a slight increase from the current year.

Henrico County Public Schools will receive \$471.6 million, including a funding increase of \$6.2 million. The allocation includes \$4 million to cover costs associated with this fall's scheduled opening of Kaechele Elementary School on Pouncey Tract Road.

Schools also will receive the last \$5.5 million from a schools cash reserve fund, which will allow the system to avoid layoffs

and increased class sizes in the upcoming year, according to officials.

The divisions of Police and Fire will share most of the remaining \$5.7 million in increased funding.

Police will hire 10 additional officers to boost patrols for the first time since 2007. Fire will get nine new positions to establish an additional fire medical unit, which will improve emergency response times countywide.

To fund those 19 positions, the budget eliminated vacant positions from other departments, including the Henrico County Public Library, General Services and the Division of Recreation and Parks.

"Each of these staffing initiatives was accomplished due to difficult cost reductions elsewhere in the budget," Vithoulkas said. "Further cost reductions are no longer possible without service delivery and associated staffing reductions."

Leaner budget reduces tax relief, raises fees

With revenues lagging for a fifth consecutive year, the budget makes targeted and across-the-board cuts to nearly every department, absorbs fixed-cost increases and raises some fees. Among the changes, Henrico will place new limits on its Real Estate Tax Advantage Program (REAP), which is designed to help older and disabled residents.

Beginning Jan. 1, the maximum tax relief will be \$1,500, down from \$3,000. The county expects to save \$630,000 annually on the program, which provided tax relief totaling \$3.6 million in fiscal 2006-07 and \$8.7 million in fiscal 2011-12. That's a jump of more than 140 percent.

The change will still allow about 75 percent of REAP's more than 6,300 participants to see no reduction in their benefit, officials said.

Vithoulkas said the revision

reflects the \$1,300 average tax relief provided to participating homeowners and is necessary because REAP's recent higher-than-budgeted costs have forced the use of cash reserves, which are not available in fiscal 2013-14.

Under a policy to limit spending adopted by the Board of Supervisors in fiscal 2001-02, Henrico was able to bolster its cash reserves during periods of economic growth. That allowed the funds to be available in recent years, when tax revenues lagged due to the national recession.

Subsequently, Henrico's reserves have dropped from \$252 million in fiscal 2008-09 to a projected \$147 million for fiscal 2014-15, according to officials.

Vithoulkas said the upcoming budget begins the process of replenishing the funds.

"These cash reserves are one-time resources that took decades to accumulate," he said. "Having appropriate and sustainable cash reserves is critical to the county's triple-AAA bond rating, which is of the utmost importance for economic development."

In addition, the budget increases permit fees for building inspection services and fares for the GRTC Transit System, and cuts funding for various departments and outside agencies. Those include Virginia Municipal League, Maymont, Henricus Foundation and Science Museum of Virginia.

Capital spending hits 52-year low

Henrico's capital budget for fiscal 2013-14 totals \$30.2 million, a decrease of 79.5 percent from the \$147.4 million set aside for this year. Only \$6.8 million will go toward projects outside the water and sewer systems; Henrico last set aside a similar amount in fiscal 1961-62.

The capital budget includes \$2 million for planning associated with a project to replace the county's 800 MHz emergency radio system. The current system is 14 years old and increasingly difficult and expensive to main-

tain, officials said.

The new system will cost as much as \$60 million and be compatible with the systems of neighboring localities.

The capital budget also includes \$2.5 million for roof replacements and mechanical system improvements at various schools and \$850,000 for road construction and guardrails.

The county's other operating funds, including the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, will combine to total \$309.6 million in fiscal 2013-14. Water and sewer user fees will increase by 5 percent to offset costs of the planned Cobbs Creek Reservoir and various projects that are required by the state. The Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund is supported solely by customer

Spending by general fund category

- ◆ Education: \$410.3 million, 54.9 percent
- ◆ Public Safety: \$158.3 million, 21.2 percent
- ◆ General Government Administration: \$54.3 million, 7.3 percent
- ◆ Public Works: \$36.7 million, 4.9 percent
- ◆ Recreation and Culture: \$31.9 million, 4.3 percent
- ◆ Community Development: \$19.7 million, 2.6 percent
- ◆ Health and Social Services: \$16.5 million, 2.2 percent
- ◆ Miscellaneous: \$11.7 million, 1.5 percent
- ◆ Judicial Administration: \$7.9 million, 1.1 percent

Total: \$747.2 million

fees, not general tax dollars.

For the fourth time in five years, general government and schools employees will receive no pay increases in fiscal 2013-14.

The proposed budget is available at www.co.henrico.va.us. The approved budget will be posted by July 1.

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tax rate increase.

Henrico has now cut \$115 million and 646 positions from its budget during the past four years after eliminating an initial \$18.5 million shortfall for fiscal 2013-14. Looking ahead, at least \$33 million in additional fixed costs are projected for fiscal 2014-15.

Vithoulkas emphasized that additional budget cuts cannot

occur without significant impacts on schools and public safety. Together, they represent 76 percent of the county's general-fund spending.

He also said Henrico's finances are structurally much different than they were in 2005, when voters narrowly rejected a meals tax that was intended to help pay for schools, libraries and other capital projects that were outlined in a bond referendum.

Voters overwhelmingly approved the bonds, and Henrico has proceeded to deliver the projects without the new funding mechanism.

"Now the question is not about building projects we don't have," Vithoulkas said, framing the meals tax issue. "It's about whether the citizens want to maintain their level of service or pay higher real estate taxes to maintain that service."

Another advantage to the meals tax option, he said, is that an estimated 40 percent of revenues would come from nonresidents, such as tourists or people

who come to Henrico only for work or pleasure.

By comparison, all Henrico homeowners and other property owners would shoulder the impact of a real estate tax rate increase.

Henrico's real estate tax rate is 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value — the lowest among the 15 most populous localities in Virginia.

The rate would have to be increased by 6 cents, to 93 cents per \$100 of assessed value, to generate the same revenue as a 4 percent meals tax.

Vithoulkas linked Henrico's low real estate rate to its history of success attracting economic development and its triple-AAA bond rating, which is the highest possible. The rating, held by only 34 of more than 3,000 counties in the country, enables Henrico to borrow money for capital projects at favorable interest rates, thereby reducing the total cost of schools and other facilities.

The Board of Supervisors has reduced Henrico's real estate tax rate six times but never increased it during the past 35 years.

"As many local governments of our size and scope across the country have raised their real estate taxes to meet service needs, we were able to keep this rate the same and plan to do so for 2014 with the successful outcome of a meals tax referendum," Vithoulkas told the Board of Supervisors in March when he presented his

proposed budget for the upcoming year. "I cannot ignore 35 years of history and our economic development successes during this time period."

Ten of the 15 largest localities in Virginia already have a meals tax, ranging from 4 percent to 6.5 percent. At least one other locality plans a referendum to authorize a meals tax of up to 4 percent.

A total of 209 counties, cities and towns in Virginia have a meals tax, according to a 2011-12 survey by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia. In the metropolitan area, a meals tax is charged in the town of Ashland, the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond, and the counties of Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, King William, Louisa, New Kent and Prince George.

The meals tax referendum requires review by the Justice Department. Henrico officials expect federal approval in late June, which would allow absentee balloting to begin Sept. 20. A notice of election would be published in the newspaper Oct. 15, 22 and 29, ahead of the Nov. 5 election.

Meals Tax Ballot Question

For the purposes of funding the operational needs and capital projects of the Henrico County Public Schools, shall the County of Henrico, Virginia, be authorized, pursuant to Section 58.1-3833 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to levy a tax on prepared food and beverages, otherwise known as a meals tax, in the County of Henrico, Virginia, equal to four percent (4%) of the amount charged for the prepared food and beverages?



A question on the Nov. 5 ballot will ask voters whether Henrico County should be authorized to charge a 4 percent tax on prepared meals to fund the operational and capital needs of county schools. Henrico officials have proposed the meals tax as an alternative to further budget cuts that could affect schools and public safety or a 6-cent real estate tax rate increase that would be paid by all Henrico homeowners.

County launches tourism website, campaign

Visit Henrico County. Henrico officials believe that straightforward message will bring more tourists and travelers into the county's borders — and more revenue into the coffers of county businesses — as part of a new effort promoting Henrico as a premier destination for sports, leisure and historical travel.

Earlier this spring county officials launched a website that spearheads this effort: www.VisitHenrico.com.

"The game is on in Henrico County, thanks to the vision and leadership of the Board of Supervisors," said County Manager John A. Vithoukaskas, speaking at a kickoff event



for the website and tourism campaign. "You will see that sports marketing can truly make a difference in this 'new normal' that we're now operating in."

Vithoukaskas referred to Henrico's ongoing success in attracting recreational sports tourism — the Jefferson Cup soccer tournament, Richmond Round-Robin softball tournament, Triple Crown U.S. Baseball Championships and similar events that bring thousands of athletes and their families to the county each year.

The county manager also referred to the increasingly important role that tourism-related revenue is playing for the county. In the 2011-12 fiscal

year, Henrico saw more than \$32 million in spending from sports tourism. The county anticipates a 9 percent increase, an additional \$2.9 million, for fiscal 2012-13.

The county currently hosts more than 100 sports tournaments annually at close to 4,000 acres of fields, parks and recreational facilities.

Board of Supervisors Chairman and Third Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele said the new website will help build on that success and further enhance the county's presence on the sports-tourism market.

"This is truly a milestone for the Board of Supervisors and our local sports partners, businesses and citizens," Kaechele said. "This effort will ensure the county and region will become an even better sports attraction."

VisitHenrico.com features a "Sports Central" section that showcases Henrico's facilities and helps tournament organizers schedule their events. It also helps families plan their travel and connects them to a variety of lodging, dining, shopping and leisure-activity choices.

The website isn't limited to sports tournaments, however. Information about the full scope of activities available in Henrico and the metropolitan region — ranging from the Innsbrook After Hours concert series and the Richmond Greek Festival to Short Pump Town Center, Civil War battlefields and NASCAR races — can be found on the site.

"VisitHenrico.com is about opening our doors to visitors," said Dawn Miller, tourism supervisor for the Division of Recreation and Parks. "It is not a brochure — it is meant to be a call to action."

Miller pointed out the site's search tools that provide a variety of choices for dining, lodging,

shopping and other activities. The site also is designed to be user-friendly for smartphones and similar devices with a mobile web app. It features GPS-enabled services that could direct a user to the closest Mexican restaurant, for example, or help a family find a movie theater or shopping center.

"This site is designed to drive traffic to where it wants to go," Miller said. "It is meant to help our visitors get something done while they're online."

That activity can have a significant impact for the bottom line of area businesses. Travel expenditures overall in Henrico rose from \$647 million in 2010 to \$713 million in 2011, according to the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

"The economic impact of tourism is good for Henrico County," Vithoukaskas said, noting that it doesn't significantly burden county services. "This new website and campaign will differentiate Henrico from the other market choices out there, especially in sports travel. It helps us encourage our visitors to come more often and stay a little longer."

For more information, email info@visithenrico.com or log on to www.VisitHenrico.com.

HCTV programs now available On Demand from Comcast

If you've missed a program when it aired on Henrico County Television, don't worry. HCTV's award-winning shows are ready when you are.

Comcast customers in Henrico accustomed to turning to channel 17 for the original, feature-length programs of HCTV now can catch many of the same shows by using the Video On Demand service. HCTV programs are available

free of charge.

Once viewers access the On Demand menu, they can open the "Get Local" folder and proceed to the "Government" folder. The "Access Henrico" folder then will direct viewers to HCTV shows organized by subject.

About 20 to 25 programs from the extensive HCTV catalog will be available at a time On Demand, with the lineup changing approximately each month.

Programs cover a wide range of topics, including county history, biographies of noteworthy residents of Henrico and the region, public safety, nature and science, social issues, county government operations and services, and the quarterly news-magazine show "Inside Henrico." All programs are produced by HCTV staff.

In addition to being available to Comcast subscribers around-the-clock through On Demand, HCTV programs can be viewed online at any time. Go to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr and follow the links for "HCTV Program Schedule" and then "View Programs Online."

Verizon Fios customers can view Henrico's programming on channel 39. HCTV shows are not available through Verizon's On Demand service.

Call (804) 501-7551 for more information.



HCTV–Channel 17 schedule

For program descriptions or more information, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr.



Even Hours
Midnight, 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m.,
8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.,
4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

Odd Hours
1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 7 a.m.,
9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.,
5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

		Even Hours	Odd Hours
May 13 through May 19	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Spruce It Up! Landscape Gardening Made Easy — 31 mins	Inside Henrico: Spring 2013 Edition — 22 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Mother Maybelle and the Carter Sisters: The Henrico Years — 29 mins	Henrico Wildlife: Sharing the Habitat — 26 mins
May 20 through May 26	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Southern Man of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe — 37 mins	Ready to Respond: Police and Fire Rescue at Richmond International Airport — 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Garden Retreats: Stopping to Smell the Roses — 31 mins	Driving Force: Henrico's Traffic Safety Unit — 27 mins
May 27 through Jun 2	Mon Wed Fri Sun	The Office of the Fire Marshal — mins TBD	H2O Henrico: From the River to Your Home — 20 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Airwaves of Yesteryear: Early Television in Central Virginia — 30 mins	Eye in the Sky: The Metro Aviation Unit — 23 mins
Jun 3 through Jun 9	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Standing Tall: Native Trees of Henrico County — 25 mins	John Marshall: In the Opinion of the Court — 29 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Taking Care of Business: Henrico's Economic Development Authority — 25 mins	Opening Doors: Henrico County Public Libraries — 23 mins
Jun 10 through Jun 16	Mon Wed Fri Sun	SWaM Business Initiative — mins TBA	An Evolving Legend: The Story of Robert E. Lee — 38 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	E Pluribus Unum: The Changing Face of Henrico County — 29 mins	For the Record: The Clerk of the Circuit Court — 21 mins
Jun 17 through Jun 22	Mon Wed Fri Sun	The History of Recreation and Parks — mins TBD	Henrico's Legacy: Commemorating 400 Years — 53 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Reinvest: Commerical Investment Tax Abatement Program — 22 mins	You are Not Alone: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness — 27 mins

Students take reins of county government

About 100 high school students from Henrico County got a firsthand look at the operations of the county's general government and school system April 18 during the 56th annual Student Government Day.

Sponsored by local Kiwanis organizations, Student Government Day allows students to shadow elected and appointed officials and serve in their official roles during simulated meetings of the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

In the photo below students assume the roles of various officials in a mock meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

In the photo below right, Chief Judge L.A. Harris, Jr. (far right), of the Henrico County Circuit Court, administers the oath of office to students who represented members of the Board of Super-

visors. Pictured left to right in the April 17 ceremony at Hermitage High School are Cailyn Nikolis, of Varina High School representing the Varina District; Meghan Beck, of Henrico High School representing the Fairfield District; Tyler Berkeley, of Hermitage High School representing the Brookland District; Brice Nicole Martin, of Freeman High School representing the Tuckahoe District; and Emir Guseinov, of Tucker High School representing the Three Chopt District.



Fire Station 13 to mark expansion

The Division of Fire is celebrating the completion of a \$3.2 million expansion and renovation of Fire Station 13. A dedication ceremony open to the public will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8 at the station, 12491 Church Road, near Lauderdale Drive in the Tuckahoe District.

Fire Station 13 originally opened in 1986 with 5,445 square feet. Through a voter-approved bond package in 2005, the facility has been expanded to 8,754 square feet, with three vehicle bays. The station has sleeping quarters for 13 firefighters per shift, a large kitchen area and day room, exercise room, training room and 4½ bathrooms. The station is home to Engine 13, Squad 13, and Medic 13 and a total of 28 officers and firefighters/emergency medical technicians.

Henrico is seeking to have the renovation and expansion project certified at the Silver level under the U.S. Green Building Council's standards for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED.



Sign celebrates historic Brook Road

Henrico County has installed a gateway sign to recognize Brook Road as part of the historic U.S. Route 1 corridor, from Maine to Florida.

The sign, unveiled by county officials March 11, stands along Brook north of its interchange with Interstate 95 in the Fairfield District. It measures 10 feet wide and up to 9 feet tall.

The sign and new landscaping were designed to enhance the Brook corridor and support county efforts to attract commercial investment.

The project was funded through a \$25,000 donation from the developer of The Atlantic at Brook Run senior apartments to implement recommendations of the county's Brook Road Enhancement Study.



Recreation Roundup

Sat, May 18: May Play Day
Take part in old-fashioned family fun, including music, games, crafts and home and garden tours. Concessions available for purchase. The Armour House & Gardens. 1-5 p.m. Info: 343-3506.

Thu, May 23: Senior Party in the Park: "The Fabulous '50s"
Enjoy music, games, demonstrations, exhibits and more. Concessions available for purchase. Sponsored by Recreation & Parks and Senior Connections. Confederate Hills Recreation Center. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 501-5114.

Sat, Jun 1: Varina Day
Celebrate the community! Featuring live performances onstage and children's activities including a petting zoo, moonwalk and face painting. *Organizations can reserve a booth by calling Randy Welch at 370-0010.* Dorey Park. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 501-5134.

Tue & Wed, Jun 4 & 5: On-the-Air Radio Players present "You Heard it Here First"
Performed and taped live before the audience, the show will feature live music and sound effects and will include winners from the third annual radio script-writing competition. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Sun, Jun 16: Father's Day Ice Cream Social
Treat Dad to Bruster's ice cream, enjoy popular tunes by the Hanover Concert Band, play backyard games and tour the historic facility. Walkerton Tavern. 4-6 p.m. Info: 501-5808.

Thu, Jul 4: Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration
Join us for our spectacular event in celebration of America's independence! Activities include the traditional reading of the Declaration of Independence with drum and fife music and musket salute, Uncle Sam on stilts, juggler

and magician Jonathan Austin and live music. New activities include a professional sand sculpture exhibition and the Star-Spangled Splash Zone for kids. Concessions available for purchase. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. 1-5 p.m. Info: 501-5134.

Thu, Jul 11-Aug 29: Meet the Critters
Get to know the farm animals firsthand through a different tour each week. Meadow Farm Museum. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Info: 501-2130.

Tue, Jul 16: The Continentals
Enjoy the big band sound at the 42nd annual summer concert. Hermitage High School. 7-9 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Fri, Jul 19: Screen on the Green
Bring a chair or blanket and take in an outdoors showing of the family film "Soul Surfer" (PG) on the baseball diamond. Concessions available for purchase. Crump Park. 8:30 p.m. Info: 501-5808.

Wed, Jul 24: SPARC presents "The Big Talent"

Follow the dreams of aspiring performers and the parents who push them. *Reservations required.* Henrico Theatre. 11 a.m.-noon & 2-3 p.m. Info: 328-4491.

Wed-Sat, Jul 31-Aug 3: Henrico Teen Theatre Co. presents "Snow White"

The whole family can enjoy this fresh and funny adaptation of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale. *Reservations required.* The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 10-11 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Programs are free and open to everyone except where noted. For additional activities, see At Your Leisure, our catalog of events and classes, available at www.henricorecandparks.com, Henrico libraries and by calling (804) 501-7275.

Library Lineup

Sat, May 18: Jump-start Your Summer
Teens can meet representatives from local organizations and register for volunteer opportunities and fun summer activities. Tuckahoe Area Library. 10 a.m.-noon. Info: 290-9100.

Meet Teen Authors

Sat, May 18: Clay McLeod Chapman. Twin Hickory Area Library. 3-4 p.m. Info: 290-9200; **Thu, Jun 27:** Lana Krumwiede. Tuckahoe Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9100; **Thu, Jul 18:** Meg Medina. Fairfield Area Library. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 290-9300; **Wed, Jul 31:** Gigi Amateau. Dumbarton Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9400.

Wed, May 22: Lightning Thief Party

Elementary and middle school students can dress as their favorite character from Greek mythology, play games and win prizes.

Registration required. North Park Branch Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9700.

Mon, Jun 3: Summer Reading Club Sign-up Begins!

Register at any Henrico Public Library and get a free cool treat. Participants who meet their goal will be eligible to win a mini iPad. For all ages. Info: 290-9000.

Thu, Jun 20: Faking It -- A Look at the History of Art Forgery
Donald R. Schrader, instructor of art history at the University of Mary Washington, will discuss forgery from ancient Rome to modern times and scandals involving artists such as Michelangelo. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9100.

Sat, Jun 15: Teen Cuisine Sign-up Begins

Teens can get the scoop on good cooking and try some tasty treats. *Registration required.* **Mon & Tue, Jul 8 & 9:** Dumbarton Area Library. 1-4 p.m. Info: 290-9400; **Thu, Jul 11 & 18:** Twin Hickory

Area Library. 1-4 p.m. Info: 290-9200; **Mon & Tue, Jul 22 & 23:** Tuckahoe Area Library. 1-4 p.m. Info: 290-9100; **Mon & Wed, Jul 29 & 31:** Fairfield Area Library. 1-4 p.m. Info: 290-9300.

We Dig Animals

Join AWARE Wildlife group to learn about local wildlife conservation and meet some animals. Ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. *Program offered at two locations each day.* **Mon, Jul 15:** Sandston Branch Library. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9900; and Varina Branch Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9800; **Wed, Jul 17:** North Park Branch Library. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9700; and Dumbarton Area Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9400; **Mon, Jul 22:** Gayton Branch Library. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9600; and Tuckahoe Area Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9100; **Wed, Jul 24:** Twin Hickory Area Library. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info:

290-9200; and Glen Allen Branch Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9500.

Tue, Jul 16: Learn Facebook

Learn to create a Facebook account. Bring a working email account and basic knowledge of the Internet. *Registration required (begins Jun 1).* Twin Hickory Area Library. 2-4 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Tue, Jul 23: Create Your Own Jewelry

Materials provided. Varina Branch Library. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Info: 290-9800.

Events are free and open to everyone. For more information go to www.henricolibrary.org; email library@henricolibrary.org; or call (804) 290-9000.

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